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Celeste, Tom and Harry -

I just wanted to give you a heads-up re: what we'd be saying at tomorrow's Board meeting regarding the Periodic Review. Bruce Herbold of our staff will be there to make three basic points:

- EPA supports the Board's review of the WQCP and the proposed process;
- We suggest that the Board take a watershed-wide view of the issues, rather than the more narrow focus on the Delta (Bruce will provide examples where we believe upstream conditions need to be considered more thoroughly); and
- As the Board listens to others who may request further delay, EPA appreciates that there may sometimes be legitimate reasons to take longer. Specifically, if there exists either an imminent scientific effort or a credible consensus effort related to these standards, it may warrant some additional time beyond the current workshop schedule.

EPA's intent is to support the Board as it needs in this undertaking. Please let me know if there are ways we might be helpful. - Karen

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